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Age 88, of Maplewood, MN, died on March 3rd from pancreatic cancer in San Antonio, TX. Karl, the son of Joseph F. and Eva Olin Grittner, was born on Nov. 22, 1922 and grew up on the West Side of St. Paul, MN. He graduated from Mechanic Arts High School in 1940 and from Hamline University in 1945. He earned Master of Arts and a Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the University of Minnesota. Karl served in the Minnesota State Legislature from 1953 - 1971, was Senate Minority Leader for four years and was one of the first members of the Education Commission of the States. He was a teacher and principal in the St. Paul Public Schools for 35 years. Karl was predeceased by his wife, Carolyn, his brother, George and his sisters, Alveda Colburn, Frances Ferguson and Arlene Gilligan. He is survived by his children, Linda Sutherland of San I Antonio, TX, Frederick (Theresa Lippert), St. Paul and Laura Nordehn, Boston, MA. He is also survived by Shis grandchildren, Marta Sutherland Madvig (Frank), Jesse (Jessica), Samuel and Daniel Grittner, Alexander and Caltlin Nordehn; his great-grandson, Jackson Madvig; his brothers, Walter, Lauderdale, MN, Joseph, Glendale, AZ and sister, Marie Proctor, Glendale AZ and sy former sons-in-law, Keith Sutherland, Delano, MN and Dr. Glenn Nordehn, Chicago, Ill. At Karl's request, private services for the family may be sent to 2233 Valley View Place, St. Paul, MN 55119.